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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF AN AWARD OF A SECURITY SYSTEM FOR
RADIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
1st & 2nd SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept the award of a Radiological Security System from the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, to enhance the protection of radiological materials located at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and LAC+USC Medical Center.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Accept the award of a Radiological Security System to enhance protection of radiological material at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (H-UCLA MC) and LAC +USC Medical Center (LAC+USC MC) from the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and Sandia National Laboratories (SNL), the Project Administrator selected by the U.S. Department of Energy, and delegate authority to the Director of Health Services (DHS), or his designee, to sign any necessary documents to effectuate the donation and implementation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In accordance with County policy, donations in excess of \$10,000 require acceptance by the Board. H-UCLA MC and LAC+USC MC were both selected by the NNSA/SNL to receive, at no cost to the County, security systems at each facility to augment and enhance current protections already in place at each facility. This systems selected were designed by NNSA/SNL in consultation with the County. Approval of the first recommendation will allow DHS to accept the award and implement the systems at each facility.

On January 21, 2010, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) made available to all of its licensees, authorized to possess IAEA Category 1 or Category 2 quantities of radioactive materials, Federally funded voluntary security enhancement programs from the Global Threat Reduction Initiative (GTRI), a subdivision of the NNSA. The mission of the GTRI is to reduce and detect vulnerable nuclear and radiological material located at civilian sites worldwide. The GTRI "first line of defense" program is designed to prevent terrorists from acquiring materials that could be used in a weapon of mass destruction, a crude nuclear bomb, a radiological dirty bomb, or other acts of terrorism.

Under the program, GTRI security experts provide security assessments, share observations and make recommendations for enhancing material security. When appropriate, NNSA pays for the installation of agreed upon security enhancements. Typical security enhancements include automated access control, motion sensors, radiation sensors, electronic seals, alarm control and display systems, remote monitoring of licensee facilities at off-site response locations, enhanced security force communications and protection equipment, delay elements, and transportation security enhancements, when appropriate.

In exchange for the procurement, installation and implementation of the security systems at each facility the County must agree to operate the GTRI-funded security upgrades appropriately and incorporate operations procedures into our daily routine. The County must also provide staff with training on how to operate and test the equipment. At the conclusion of the GTRI-funded three year maintenance and warranty period, the County must assume full responsibility for the operation, testing and maintenance of the security system. GTRI will remain in contact with the County and will provide support when requested by the County.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no immediate net County cost associated with the acceptance of the security systems. The systems have an estimated market value of \$100,000.

Three years after the implementation of the security systems, NNSA will transfer all maintenance cost associated with this equipment to the County. The estimated cost to maintain the systems is \$10,000. Funding will be requested in future fiscal years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual states that County departments must request Board approval to accept donations in excess of \$10,000.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will help enhance the security of existing processes and procedures to secure radiological material at H-UCLA MC and LAC+USC MC.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mitchell" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Katz".

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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